

**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: Smith V

A RESOLUTION recognizing the presentation of the Republic of Korea War Service Medal to Korean War veterans.

Whereas, On May 13, 2000, the Republic of Korea Defense Minister announced that his government would provide the Republic of Korea War Service Medal (ROKWSM) to eligible United States Korean War veterans;

Whereas, The United States Air Force will have the responsibility of receiving and distributing these medals;

Whereas, The ROKWSM is being issued to "pay tribute to the Korean War veterans for their historic endeavors to preserve the freedom of the Republic of Korea and the free world";



Whereas, The ROKWSM was originally offered by the Republic of Korea in 1951 to the United Nations forces who were serving in Korea at that time;

Whereas, In 1951, United States law prohibited United States military personnel from wearing medals issued by foreign nations;

Whereas, In 1954, Congress changed that law, but by that time most of the eligible servicemen and servicewomen had returned home;

Whereas, Approximately 1.8 million United States veterans or their next of kin are eligible to receive the medal; and

Whereas, It is proper that courage and valor in the face of an enemy should be recognized for the shining lights they truly are: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
- 2 recognize the Korean War veterans who are eligible to receive the
- 3 Republic of Korea War Service Medal.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Dwight Holliday,
- 6 Professor of Education, Indiana University Northwest.

